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In re Application of  
TAYLOR  
Application No.: 08/604,975  
PCT No.: PCT/GB94/00995  
Int. Filing Date: 09 May 1994  
Priority Date: 25 September 1993  
Attorney Docket No.: ITI-169  
For: IMPROVEMENTS RELATING TO THE  
LINING OF PIPELINES OR  
PASSAGEWAYS

DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the "FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL SUBMISSION IN SUPPORT OF RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(b)..." filed in the Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) on 19 August 1997, which again requests acceptance of the application without the signature of the inventor, Mr. Kevan Taylor, on the grounds that he refuses to execute the application papers. The renewed petition was accompanied by, inter alia: a "FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION OF MICHAEL I. WOLFSON..."; a "DECLARATION OF JAMES DENMARK..."; and documentary evidence in support of the declarations. The petition is GRANTED as discussed below.

On 19 February 1997, this Office mailed a decision dismissing an earlier petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b) on the grounds that the 37 CFR 1.47(b) applicant had not filed the following: sufficient factual proof that the inventor refuses to execute the application; an acceptable statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor; and acceptable proof of proprietary interest in the application.

A review of the application file reveals that, with the filing of the present supplemental submission and accompanying papers, the 37 CFR 1.47(b) applicant has now satisfied the requirements for acceptance of the application under 37 CFR 1.47(b), and therefore the application is now in condition for entry into the national stage under 35 U.S.C. 371.

The Application Division and the International Division are authorized to accept the application as a 37 CFR 1.47(b) application and to mail a filing receipt. The application will be given an international filing date of **09 May 1994**, under 35 U.S.C. 363, and a date of **25 March 1996**, under 35 U.S.C. 371(c) and 102(e).

As provided in 37 CFR 1.47(b), a notice of the filing of this application will be forwarded to the non-signing inventor at his last known address of record as set forth in the present supplemental submission.

A notice of the filing of the application under 37 CFR 1.47(b) will be published in the Official Gazette.

The application is being returned to the International Division for processing as the U.S. National Stage of the above-identified international application in accordance with this decision.



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